

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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CUSTOMS DUTY COLLECTED FROM HALDIA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Customs Duty collected from Haldia during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government propose to set up full fledged custom office at Haldia; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a) The Customs duty collected in respect of goods imported through Haldia port during the last three years was as under :

Year	Duty collected (Rs. in Crores)
1998-99	317.65
1999-2000	364.25
2000-2001 (up to February)	352.94

(b) & (c) A mini Custom House is already functional at Haldia port. Certain formalities in relation to import/export documentation have to be followed at present from Kolkata. The Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) system is being introduced at Haldia Custom House.

M/s. Computer Maintenance Corporation (CMC) Ltd. a Government Undertaking, has recently started preparation of the site at Haldia for installation of EDI system.

Once EDI system is in place, all the documents relating to import and export can be filed, processed and duty paid at Haldia and the importers/ exporters will not be required to come to Kolkata for customs clearance.